

Appendix table 7-32

Awareness, knowledge, and attitudes about stem cell research in the United States, Europe, Japan, and Israel: 2008

(Percent)

| Country | <i>Recently information has been appearing about a type of cell called "stem cells." Have you heard or read anything about this kind of cell? (Yes)</i> | <i>Stem cells can be transformed into different types of cells that can then be grown into specialized tissues like muscles or nerves. (True)^a</i> | <i>Nowadays, stem cells are usually extracted from human embryos without destroying them. (True)^a</i> | <i>On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you totally disagree and 10 that you totally agree, I would like you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with the statement "Research with human embryos that are a few days old to obtain stem cells is immoral." (Mean score)</i> |
|----------------|---|---|--|---|
| Sweden | 86 | 71 | 20 | 4.8 |
| Denmark | 86 | 76 | 16 | 4.3 |
| United States | 76 | 65 | 30 | 5.5 |
| United Kingdom | 75 | 65 | 17 | 4.6 |
| Netherlands | 75 | 63 | 19 | 4.8 |
| Italy | 66 | 54 | 14 | 4.7 |
| France | 65 | 53 | 11 | 5.0 |
| Ireland | 65 | 49 | 15 | 5.1 |
| Spain | 60 | 42 | 11 | 4.5 |
| Czech Republic | 59 | 45 | 16 | 4.9 |
| Germany | 58 | 50 | 8 | 5.8 |
| Poland | 44 | 30 | 10 | 5.9 |
| Austria | 42 | 32 | 6 | 6.2 |
| Israel | 39 | 26 | 9 | 5.8 |
| Japan | 33 | 28 | 4 | 5.8 |

^aPercentages based on respondents who had heard or read about stem cells.

SOURCE: BBVA Foundation, BBVA Foundation International Study on Attitudes To Stem Cell Research and Hybrid Embryos (2008), fieldwork April–June 2007 and January–February 2008.